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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT MODIFICATION

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED EDP (MARQUES VIDEIRA) JAN 10 TO INQUIRE RE EDP INTENTIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS. VIDEIRA STATED DECISION FORTHCOMING WITHIN DAYS AND PROMISED TO ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP. HOWEVER, HE IS NOT SANGUINE REGARDING LIKELIHOOD OF AMENDMENT, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF PRESENT PORTUGUESE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY AND ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL GOP NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

2. EMBASSY IS CONVINCED EDP WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LET CONTRACT LAPSE, ABSENT FURTHER EXTENSION BY ERDA. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ADVICE, FOR OUR INFO ONLY, RE CHANCES OF POSITIVE ERDA RESPONSE TO FUTURE PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE OFFERED IN PROPOSED AMENDED CONTRACT, ASSUMING GOP WERE TO MAKE SUCH REQUEST IN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

3. FYI: NUCLEAR DECISION WILL HAVE TO AWAIT NOT ONLY FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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DEBATE ON LONG-AWAITED, BUT YET TO BE SUBMITTED, GOP WHITE PAPER ON NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY. LATTER DOCUMENT ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE PRO-NUCLEAR AND WILL NO DOUBT GIVE RISE TO HEATED DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEBATE. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT DECISION ON NUCLEAR POLICY THEREFORE IS AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS AWAY.
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